

ON THE REVIEWER'S TABLE

"The Children of Aisne, Lex Oberles."

By Rene Bazin. John Lane Company, New York. \$1.50 net.

Dr. Angelo S. Rappert has written a preface for this novel, in which he says: "It is the country of Alsace, with her woes and sorrows and sufferings, her aspirations and hopes and dreams, which speaks to us through the mouth of Jean Oberles, the hero, who mysteriously feels the influence of soil upon his soul, and is drawn to France, since Alsace is sighing under the German yoke, and her weeping soul has fled to France, there to wait the day of delivery and freedom."

"Lex Oberles" is a really tragic novel, full of life and love, full also of dramatic incidents and poignant scenes. The reader comes into the midst of a divided family, one in which the husband risks against his wife, the son against his father, and the brother against the sister. It also shows the clash of two civilizations, the Latin and the Teuton, which for forty years have been warring war on the soil of conquered Alsace.

The sister of the hero, Lucienne Oberles, in talking to her brother about family division, said: "If you wished to marry a German, mamma would go at once to find my father and would say to him: 'Look at this! It is horrible! It is your fault! Yours! And if you wished to marry an Alsatian, our mother would at once take advantage of it and say: 'He is on my side, against you.'"

The book is full of suffering and parting, and is written in a most dramatic spirit. The loyalty of Alsacians to the land of their birth and their determination to put love of country above everything else in the world, shines brightly forth from every page and in every word.

"Our Little Polish Cousin."

By Florence E. Mendel. L. C. Page Company, Boston. 60 cents.

In opening this new volume of the "Little Cousin Series," the little reader is reminded by the author that "the story of Poland is intensely interesting and reads like a fairy tale, giving a better and clearer understanding of the life of the Poles, not only as to the rich, but to the poor."

Chapters give the origin of Poland, the arrival at the door, as a Polish country house in the sending of the opal, which children in this country call Christmas cards; Christmas at a big country house in Poland, the carnival, a village wedding and the harvest festival.

Many Polish customs and the traditions associated with them are described. The book is charming for little people, and will make a valuable addition to school libraries and to a reading shelf owned by a boy or girl who likes to know how children in other lands are trained and educated.

"The Great Taxicab Hobby."

A true detective story. By James H. Collins. The John Lane Company, of New York. 50 cents net.

This true detective story was written by Mr. Collins from records and personal accounts of the case furnished by the New York Police Department. The author says in his preface that the main reason for the book is that it is a cracking good story, and right out of life, having occurred in New York City on Thursday, February 15, 1912, when two bank messengers were held up in a taxicab in the heart of the downtown financial district and relieved of \$25,000 in currency. It was one of the most daring crimes imaginable, and executed faultlessly.

The book shows all the steps in detail taken by the great police department in running down and rounding up the large band engaged. It also shows how little the general public understands the great work in such an undertaking, and how often they are able to criticize unjustly the men doing the difficult work.

The man deserving the credit for directing the capture to a successful ending is George S. Dougherty, second deputy police commissioner of New York. The book is well worth any

"Chronicles of Avenia."

By L. M. Montgomery. L. C. Page & Co., of Boston. \$1.25 net.

This is a book in which Anne Shirley, of Green Gables, plays a part. The book has to do with other personalities and events, though none of its stories are finer in their way than that in which Anne and Arnold Sherwood are united, conspired to help Ludovic's coming of age, and to help him to a happy conclusion by awakening Ludovic's jealousy.

Probably the choice of readers as to supreme interest may fall on the story of Lord Lady Lancelot, the fairy godmother of sweet Sylvia Gray. But that as may, the Avenia tales have a flavor that marks them out much as "Old Chester Tales" have been done by Mrs. Deland.

Kirk and boys, something something to read that may be absolutely commended would do well to add "Chronicles of Avenia" to their summer list.

"Planning a Trip Abroad."

By Blair Jackson, F. R. G. S. McBride, Nant & Co., Union Square, New York. 25 cents net.

Chapters in this "human interest guide" tell people planning to go abroad when to go. They also give advice as to choice of steamer, what to take and wear, and how to carry money.

On board ship travelers are informed as to the disposal of baggage, arrangements for mail, fees on ship-board, other service and amusements. They are also posted as to what they should do on their arrival in Europe, what they should attempt to see, as to shopping, automobile tours, hotels and hotel lists.

An important chapter of the book is devoted to United States customs regulations for residents and non-residents of the United States. The book is pleasantly written and makes excellent summer reading.

"The Monitor and the Merrimack."

Both sides of the story. Told by Lieutenant J. L. Ward, U. S. N., and Lieutenant Greene, U. S. N., of the Monitor, and H. Ashton Ramsay, C. S. N., chief engineer of the Merrimack. Harper & Brothers, of New York and London. 50 cents net.

This is the first-hand story of what was done and seen and felt on each side in the battle of the Monitor and the Merrimack. The actual experiences on both vessels are pictured. In one case by the commander of the Monitor, then a lieutenant, and the next in rank, Lieutenant Greene, and in the other by Chief Engineer Ramsay, of the Merrimack. Clearly such a record of personal experiences has a place for itself in the literature of the subject.

The experiences of the two sides are here in direct contrast, and the reader can well judge as to the merits of the arguments presented. The Monitor's story comes first. This is followed by the story of the Merrimack. The Merrimack was destroyed by its crew off Craney Island, still unconquered.

The last chapter tells of the loss of the Monitor on the open sea off Cape Hatteras on June 3, 1862. The book is excellent reading both for the young and the old, and is well worth while.

"The Citadel."

By Sumner Merwin. The Century Company, of New York. \$1.25 net.

This is a fiction presentation of the modern conditions set forth in Walter Wells' "The New Democracy." It is the romance of a young man and a young woman, who embody that spirit of comradeship that marks the new relations of men and women.

John Garwood is a radical Congressman who breaks away from party allegiance, who turns alike from the squabbling boss and the self-centered wing, to fight alone for the political and industrial independence of the people he realizes he has so long exploited in Washington.

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Mr. Merwin knows intimately the inside workings of Washington political life, and has been active in radical journalism for the last ten years. For five years editor of Success, he has lived in France and Germany, and traveled widely.

"The Citadel" wrote itself in all of the author's spare time for six months last year, and is a book of six months in the Catskills and Stamford.

"Baby's Teeth to Twelfth Year."

By Albert Westlake, D. D. S. Mitchell Kennerly, of New York and London. 50 cents.

This brochure is said by Dr. Westlake to have been compiled in a spirit of helpfulness and sympathy, aiming principally in the acquisition and maintenance of mouth comfort.

This comfort is best attained, as the doctor points out, by keeping the mouth in the powder or solution, then vigorously rub the teeth and gums on both sides. Follow this action immediately by cleansing between the teeth with dental floss silk. Then rinse the mouth. Destroy the used gauze and floss.

"Wisconsin, An Experiment in Democracy."

By Frederick C. Howe. Charles Scribner's Sons, of New York.

"Wisconsin, An Experiment in Democracy" by Frederick C. Howe, is a justifying itself. Here he finds a Commonwealth consciously building for efficiency and service, much as Denmark, Switzerland and Germany are being built for the service of the people.

The founders of this movement were led by Senator La Follette in his eight years' war with privilege. Through the primary the people secured political freedom. Then they began to build. They adopted the second choice for nominees, the senatorial and presidential primaries. Once politically free, the State began to build in an intelligent way. Its railway regulation laws have been the model of other States. Local franchise corporations have been controlled in a scientific manner. They no longer rule the State or the cities. There is no more corruption. A comprehensive program of labor legislation, fairly comparable to that which Germany has spent twenty-five years in developing, has been perfected. A legislative reference bureau is a legislative agency. A State Board of Public Works has supervision over all the resources, agencies and activities of the State. It is a permanent survey department to make the State and the cities more efficient. The university is closely linked with the Statehouse. Thirty-five professors serve in various State departments. They bring to politics accurate scientific methods of thinking. They import into Wisconsin the best that could be found in Denmark. In Germany, the study legislation preparatory to its introduction. Wisconsin is honest, efficient and dedicated to a program of service as is no other State in the American Union. It is a model to which men

are going not only from America but from other countries as well. Here is an example which negatives the despair of those who have felt there was no place for the American State. Here a Commonwealth is being built by men with definite ideals of what a State can be made. And these achievements of Wisconsin are based on democracy, on political freedom, first secured through the reforms inaugurated when Senator La Follette was Governor.

"Maya."

A drama, by William Dudley Foulke. The Cosmopolitan Press of New York. \$1.25 net.

"Maya" was first published by the Putnam as prose fiction, a romance, by the way, that attracted the attention of many literary doctors. The dramatic properties of the story soon became uppermost in Mr. Foulke's mind, and so fine a poet found irresistible the call to make a lyric drama of the story.

Not all may know that eminent archeologist and poet have concluded that the Mayas of Yucatan are of Phoenician descent, and that they are almost wholly Phoenician to-day, retaining the physical features and the mental traits of their ancestors, and still following many of the customs of the ancient people that we have supposed extinct for decades of centuries.

The dramatic personae of this lyric romance includes Sandoval, a young Spaniard, cast on the shores of Yucatan, and who came to love Maya, daughter of Ahpula, the reigning King of the Mayan nation. Canek, lord of Peten-Itza, who tried to separate the Spaniard and his Phoenician princess. Here we have all the atmosphere of ancient Phoenicia, blended with the atmosphere of the modern Western world, a modern Spanish youth paying court to a maiden of ancient Phoenicia. That they should love each other goes without saying; that their love should not be that of the ordinary man and maiden is also apparent.

We are justified in saying that this lyric drama has great merit and is unique in many ways.

"Alma at Hadley Hall."

By Louise M. Breitenbach. Illustrated by John Goss. L. C. Page Company, of Boston. \$1.50.

In schools as in other centres of young life and action there are girls who are natural leaders among their fellows. Alma, the heroine of Hadley Hall, is just such a girl. Full of life and fun, she is also full of loyalty and right principle, and ready at all times to do what she believes to be best for her school comrades and her alma mater.

The different types at Hadley Hall are just such as have been seen at well-conducted girls' schools the world over. And they have about the same trials and adventures that school girls usually encounter.

But the book is attractively arranged and written, and school girls will delight in the accounts it gives of the quarrels, reconciliations, the friendships and joys that are the outgrowth of association between those who are classmates in college.

"The Ficklin Family in America."

Compiled by Walter Joman Ficklin. The W. H. Kistler Press, of Denver, Col. \$5.00.

This, its author states, is a genealogical history of the Ficklin family, from the first name in America to the present time, and with some account of the family in Europe. It has an interesting preface and ten chapters of genealogy.

These include a survey of the Ficklin family in America, gleanings from various sources, a partial roster of soldiers, the Ficklin family in England, armorial bearings, origin and spelling of the surname, the first of the Ficklins in Virginia, the descendants of William and Sarah Ficklin, of King George county, of Great Britain, and a list of the Ficklin family by William Slaughter, of Fredericksburg, Va.; a synopsis of old records and a full index to Ficklin family and connections.

The book is well arranged, handsomely bound and illustrated. As history of a Virginia family, prominent and widely connected, its value is at once apparent. It has evidently been compiled with care and much work in the way of research. As a valuable library reference and an invaluable possession to members and connections of the Ficklins, it commends itself to many Virginians.

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BIG STONE GAP

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Big Stone Gap, Va., June 15.—Mrs. R. E. Dougherty, of Great Falls, Tenn., and Miss Ina Thomas, of Bristol, have returned to their respective homes, after a visit to their sister, Mrs. C. E. Wade, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. McCormick and two daughters, Misses Clara and Jessie, are visiting relatives at Richmond.

Mrs. George H. Reese and two children, of Pineville, Ky., are visiting

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Parks at the Monte Vista Hotel.

A fishing party, composed of S. W. Wad, Henry Bullitt, G. C. Jeffries, W. W. Bickie, John Bullitt, Jr., and Harry Jesse, left Monday for points on the Holston River for a week's trip.

Miss Maud and Donald Prescott returned Saturday from Front Royal, where they have been attending school at Randolph-Macon Academy.

Miss Ruth Prescott is visiting her cousin, Miss Fannie Piper, at Beaver Falls, Pa.

Mrs. A. C. Anderson left last Saturday for San Antonio, Tex., where she will spend several weeks visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Stella Head returned Thursday from Providence, R. I., where she has been a student of the Rhode Island School of Design.

Miss Corrie Long, a student nurse in the Robinson-Whitt Sanatorium in Richmond, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Long.

Eugene Brown returned Saturday from the University of Virginia.

Miss Thelma Baker is visiting her aunt, Mrs. L. G. Hix, in Abingdon this week, and will attend the finals at Emory and Henry College.

Hon. R. T. Irvine left Monday for Charlottesville to attend the Court of Appeals, and then went to the University of Virginia to attend a meeting of the board of visitors, of which he is a member.

A high game of golf was played on the links here Wednesday afternoon between a number of players of the Bristol Club and the Mountain Golf Club, at this place. The Bristol players came over on a private car attached to the morning train, arriving at 11:30, and went immediately to the links, and the game started about 12 o'clock. A tent had been put up by the local players and light refreshments were served during the game, and tables were placed on the lawn, and the women of the party who did not play golf played bridge. The afternoon train waited an hour and left at 4 o'clock. The game resulted in favor of the local players in a score of 21 up. The occasion was most enjoyable.